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PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT WINS FORD FELLOWSHIP

MISSOULA--

Billie Jo Kipp of **Browning**, a graduate student in psychology at The University of Montana-Missoula, has won a Ford Foundation Minority Fellowship as a result of her outstanding academic achievements.

She was one of 50 winners out of 600 nominees representing all of the sciences, not just psychology, department Chair Nabil Haddad said. The fellowship is guaranteed for three years and pays a yearly stipend plus all tuition and fees.

A Blackfeet tribal member, Kipp is currently collecting data for her master's thesis, "Psychological Effects of the Blackfeet Language Immersion Program on American Indian Children." She holds a bachelor's degree in counseling psychology from the University of Great Falls and has been enrolled in UM's clinical psychology graduate program since September 1996.

She recently received a one-year American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship, which she has declined in favor of the Ford Fellowship, Haddad said.

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